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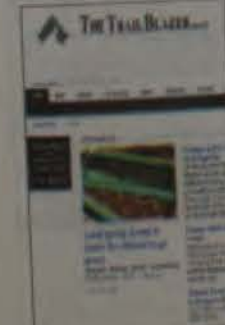
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Cheer coach takes charge

Championship squads adjust to new direction

ALLI COLLIS—
MANAGING EDITOR

National Championships — two words the MSU cheerleading program is known for. And two words MSU's new cheerleading coach, Bill Mayo, is very familiar with. He has the rings to prove it. Mayo was hired this sum-



MSU photo
Bill Mayo

mer to take over direction of MSU's cheer squads. In the last 22 years, the co-ed squad has earned the national championship title 19 times and the all-girl squad has won the title 7 times.

Mayo has an extensive cheerleading background. He began his collegiate career at Temple University where he cheered for five years, cheering for open all-star teams simultaneously. While working on his first master's degree, Mayo cheered at the University of Delaware. There his squad placed second to MSU two years in a row at the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) championships. Mayo said the University of Delaware was and still is MSU's main competitive rival. "For me it's weird," Mayo said. "For two straight years I wanted to see Morehead fail, and now all I dream about is how to continue this winning tradition. It will be surreal to compete against the Blue Hens (of Delaware)."

After completing his first M.A. at the University of Delaware, Mayo was offered a scholarship



Logan Todd/The Trail Blazer

MSU cheerleaders will seek another championship with a new coach.

to attend the University of Louisville, where he began working on his second masters and became a member of the U of L cheerleading squad. During his stay at Louisville, Mayo was a member of the co-ed team that won the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) championship.

Though Mayo has been a member of several successful collegiate teams, he said he built

his cheerleading career around partner stunting. He finished in second place several times in the partner stunt competition at both UCA and NCA Nationals.

Mayo has coached several all-star teams, the most recent being GymTime All-Stars in Louisville. His teams won both national and world competitions.

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Nerf wars break boredom "Shoot hard, live free"

LANA BELLAMY—
STAFF WRITER

Four MSU students have found an interesting way this semester to stave off boredom. They are not playing XBOX, going to the movies, or going to frat parties — they are shooting Nerf guns at each other.

Four freshman roommates from Pikeville decided that having Nerf wars, shooting Nerf guns at each other in combat-style, would give them a break from the stresses of college life.

The roommates, Cory Tackett, Mason Meade, Jordan Clevenger, and Chase Scott, picked up the hobby a few weeks into the school year.

Clevenger, who instigated the Nerf craze, says it all started for him back in the summer when, out of boredom, he and one of his friends took a trip to a Dollar Store in South Williamson, Ky.



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Students show off their Nerf fire power on Laughlin lawn.

Clevenger says, "We only had course, because we were broke. a couple dollars in change, of

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Lights out in ADUC

A power outage Monday in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) shut down power in the for several hours before being restored at 6 p.m.

Gene Caudill, assistant vice president for Facilities Management, said the ADUC power outage was caused a blown fuse in an electrical panel.

"Many people thought the outage was scheduled, but it was not," Caudill said.

Caudill said, in-order to repair the blown fuse, maintenance also had to shut off power in Lappin Hall and the Bert Combs classroom building for a couple of hours because the three buildings are all controlled by the same switchgear box.

The fuse was repaired and power was restored in all three buildings at 6 p.m.

New plans for Sunny Brook

LOGAN TODD — EDITOR
BRITNEY WILSON — STAFF WRITER

Four local groups are working together to try and convert an old MSU golf course into a park to serve both the community and university. Those supporting development of the Sunny Brook Recreation Center say it would address the recreation deficiencies of the region.

A forum was held in Morehead on Sept. 20 to allow members of the community to ask questions and give feedback on the proposed recreation center. More than 150 people were in attendance, including President Wayne Andrews, Rowan County Judge Executive Jim Nickell, Morehead Mayor David Perkins, and Rowan County Schools Superintendent Marvin Moore.

A website was launched a week after the forum to give citizens a chance to continue feedback on the plan. Andrews said community feedback would be an important component in the finalization of the Sunny Brook Recreation Center.

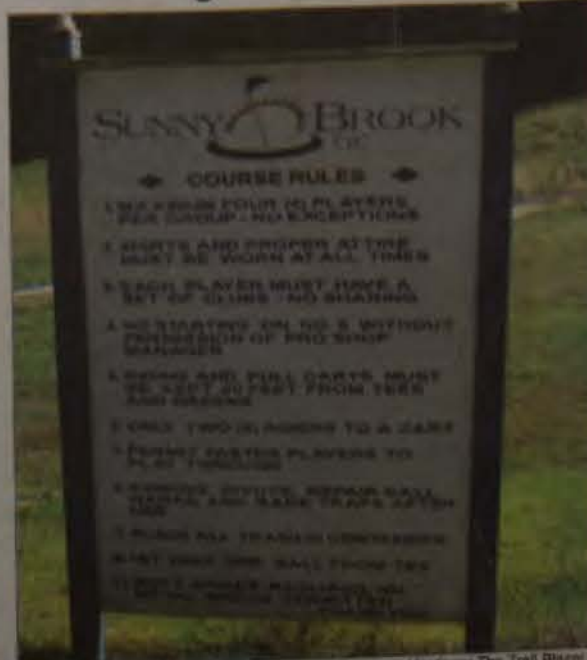
Sunny Brook Golf Course, which is owned by the university, was closed in 2007 after MSU acquired Eagle Trace Golf Course. Since then, the university has collaborated with Rowan County, the city of Morehead, and the Rowan County School Board to develop a joint multipurpose-community-recreation park on the Sunny Brook land.

The four agencies are working with Carman, a landscape and architectural firm based in Lexington, which MSU has worked with in the past.

The initial plan would utilize 60 of the original 155 acres to create the Sunny Brook Recreation Center, which would be designed to meet the needs of both the community and MSU.

The community recreation portion of the proposed park is expected to consist of a swimming pool, youth baseball and softball fields, two multipurpose fields.

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Courtney Hastings/The Trail Blazer

A multi-purpose park may replace the golf course at Sunny Brook.

NERF

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and our choices were between Starbursts, hair extensions for Polly Pockets or Pringles. Our hopes were down, but we weren't discouraged. Then we saw a \$1.25 Nerf gun."

Tackett and Meade picked up on the Nerf trend in a similar way about a month after they heard of Clevenger's purchase.

Tackett says, "Me and Mason were in Wal-Mart getting things we needed for school and we happened to walk by the Nerf gun section and we thought it was probably in the top five most awesome things we'd ever seen. Mason was like, 'Let's do it. Let's get these Nerf guns.'"

Tackett says Meade had recently run into some money and could afford the \$65 Vulcan gun. But he (Tackett)

bought a cheaper gun, The Nerf N-Strike Maverick.

After the first purchases, Tackett says they all saw how awesome the guns were and it escalated into the purchase of more guns. The four roommates now have 12 guns among them.

Clevenger says the first gun he bought included a gun and two bullets. Tackett and Scott's first guns came with no accessories. They began to use their creativity to make modifications to make using them more fun.

Soon they were painting them, duct-taping flashlights to the tops of the guns, and putting thumbtacks on the ends of the darts so they would stick to the wall better.

All four say, after a while, everybody develops a gun preference. Scott enjoys using his Tommy 20, a brand of Buzzbee gun, instead of Nerf. Meade uses an N-Strike Vulcan EBF

25 Custom, which is a belt-feeding, fully automatic gun that can be mounted on a foldable tripod. Tackett prefers his blue and bright orange N-Strike Raider Rapid Fire CS 35 that is also automatic and comes with a drum magazine that attaches to the side and can hold up to 35 darts at once. Clevenger has two double shot rifles.

The four roommates soon found out they were not alone in their new hobby. Their neighbor and friend, Nathaniel Worland, known as "Shortstop," also participates.

"We thought we were the only ones who had Nerf guns, but Shortstop runs by the room late one night with a shot gun and shoots it at our window," Tackett says.

"He walks by and makes a gesture to us and Jordan yells at him — which could have provoked it — and he comes back about five seconds later with

his shotgun and shoots our window again. I saw the dart sticking to it and thought, 'Oh — it's on.'"

Tackett says they spent the next half hour following that episode running around the floors of Mignon Hall engaged in their first Nerf war with other students joining in the battle.

Meade says location is vital in Nerf wars.

"A small enclosed area with lots of obstacles is best since the darts don't go very far," Meade says.

"The inside of a dragon would be best," Tackett says, laughing.

The only drawbacks to Nerf wars are having to collect all the darts afterward and the fact that they don't actually injure anyone, Meade says jokingly.

The four roommates say the investments in their newfound Nerf hobby have been well worth it. It gives them a way to unwind together after a hard

day of studying. From all their adventures together so far, Meade says he has developed a motto, "Shoot hard, live free." Tackett, Meade, Scott, and Clevenger say they plan to continue

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tennis courts, an indoor multi-sport practice facility, walking and hiking trails, picnic shelters, and a bicycle trail connecting the park to the city.

The MSU side of the park would have intercollegiate baseball and softball fields, along with a practice field to be used by both teams. These new fields would replace the current baseball and softball facilities located on the MSU campus.

The Sunny Brook Recreation Center might take up to five years to complete,

modifying and upgrading their Nerf guns for maximum performance.

Meade says, "There will be a bunch more wars and anyone who wants to join can. The more the merrier."

Andrews said. There have been no cost projections for the project and no grant applications have been filed to date.

Andrews said he and community representatives want to get the community behind the whole plan before beginning grant applications and seeking other means of funding.

Andrews said he might try to push the university to start its side of the project first.

"We may go out and try to do some fundraising to build a baseball and softball field to kind of get the process started," Andrews said.



Using high-powered Nerf guns, four roommates discover a unique way to unwind from the stress of college.

Logan Todd/The Trail Blazer

CHEER

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Mayo said he had no trouble making the decision to come to MSU.

"There is no place better in the world for the most dedicated and talented athletes," he said. "Who wouldn't want to coach this team?"

Mayo said there were some adjustments to be made transitioning from coaching all-stars to coaching a collegiate team, such as administrative work.

But college athletes are better at picking up skills and working through things they are uncomfortable with, he said.

Mayo said he hasn't changed much about traditions the MSU squads had when it came to practices, etc. Instead, he said he felt his coaching style was a new aspect he brought to the table.

"I bring a dynamic game aspect. I love watching cheerleaders interact with fans," he said. "I emphasize being a cheerleader, not just a competitor."

Mayo said, unlike some coaches, he does not yell or scream at his teams, but tries to be very positive, instead of breaking the athletes down to build them back up.

"I'm very motivational," Mayo said.

All-girl team member Krista Sanders said, "He is working with us and adapting to the Morehead ways, along with being patient while we try to do the same with his different coaching style. I believe we all view that the Morehead cheerleading program was built long before any of us got here, and if we keep that in mind and continue to think for the better, then, in the long run, we will continue to keep the tradition alive."

Mayo attends morning workouts with the cheerleaders on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. He said he thinks if his squads see him there — tired and pushing through pain just as they are, they also push themselves.

"I don't mind the pain I go through," he said. "It's for them."

Along with his emphasis on developing a winning cheerleading squad, Mayo said he is adamant about making sure members of his teams do well in their classes.

"I take it upon myself to make sure students are getting grades and going to class," Mayo said. "Winning is not above graduating. However, we will always win."

Mayo understands the MSU cheerleading winning tradition and has been

working with both the co-ed and all-girl teams to make sure it continues. He said from the moment he was hired, he let both teams know about a difficult stunt that has never been performed before in competition as a team. Both MSU teams are working to get the stunt competition ready.

"I'm not creating a routine to win, but a routine that nobody has ever seen," Mayo said. "I'm afraid the roof will fall off the Milk House."

Mayo said his mantra is "repetition breeds consistency," meaning the more the team works, the stronger it will become.

He said he encourages the cheerleaders to always think about being the best they can be to help the team win, both in class and on the mat.

Sanders said, "We make sure to work during practice times and come in outside of practice times. We're like a family and it's important to all of us to help support and maintain a good outlook. If we're doing our best all the time, then we can't disappoint anyone, and this year we're really looking to improve everyone's overall opinion of Morehead State cheerleading."

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EDITORIAL

Candidates hold voters hostage

Kentucky House Republicans proposed a series of bills at the end of last month in an attempt to make the legislative budget process more efficient.

The General Assembly has failed to pass a budget during the regular session three times since 2000. This year Gov. Steve Beshear was forced to call a special legislative session to get agreement from the General Assembly on the 2010-2012 budget.

One of the issues connected to the practice of needing special sessions is that legislators receive extra pay to attend. Under one of the recently introduced GOP bills, legislators would forfeit their pay for special sessions called because the General Assembly did not successfully pass a budget in its regular session.

A second proposed bill would require any measure that involves spending tax money or raising taxes to be officially released to the public at least 48 hours before coming to a floor vote.

These are noble proposals, and would seem to be necessary revisions to the way the Kentucky legislature does business. However, the proposed legislative action would seem more noble if these kinds of necessary changes could occur independently of election year campaigning. All 100 of the House seats are up for election this year, and the GOP is coming from a term where they were the minority by 30 representatives.

House Minority Leader, Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, said, "If the voters of Kentucky make us the majority in the Kentucky House this November, we will pass it," referring to the proposed legislation. The implication Hoover seems to be making is that resolving these long-standing issues will not happen if Democrats are allowed to remain in control of the House.

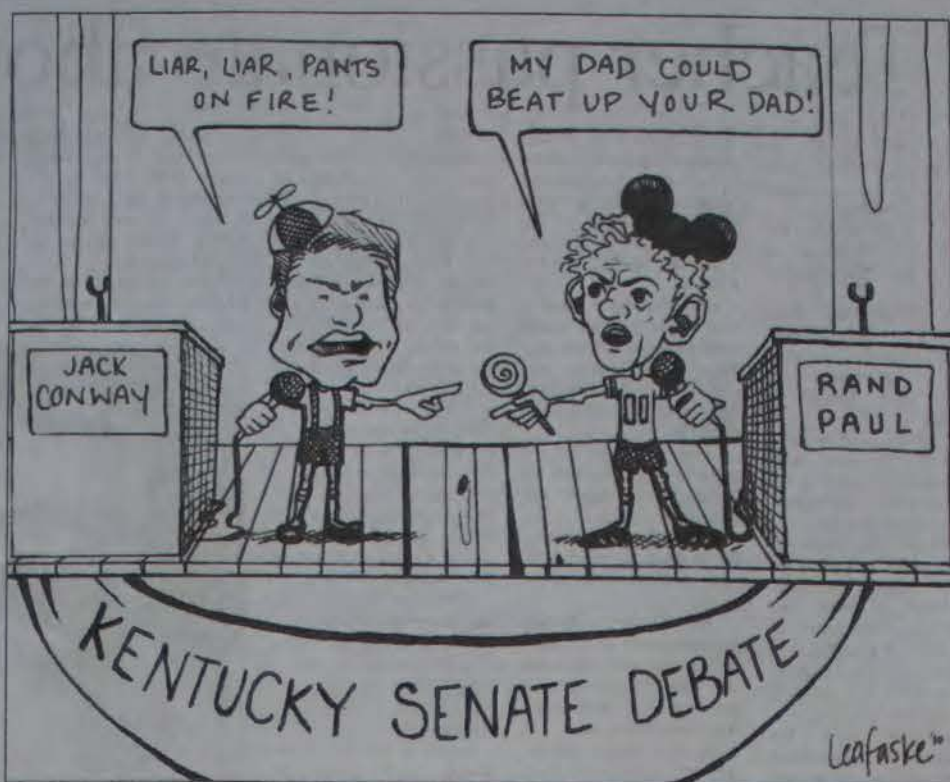
These bills would obviously benefit Kentucky. The budget is supposed to be completed by the end of the regular legislative session in mid-April. Last year, during a special session, the budget was passed May 29. Beshear had predicted a partial shutdown of state government if the legislature did not reach a budget compromise by June 1.

Legislators should remedy problems in defense of the people the legislators are elected to represent, not in the defense of their jobs. Taxpayers having to pay legislators extra money year after year because they can't reach a budget agreement in the allotted time has always been a ridiculous waste of tax dollars. Solving this problem did not need to wait until election time.

Be part of the discussion

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VIEWPOINTS

Candidates gone wild



LOGAN
TODD
—
Editor

I do not want to be represented by a mudslinger. The election campaigns this year have been focusing more on accusations than solutions, and it is coming from both sides of the aisle.

What happened to the candidates who rebuked their opponents with more feasible options? It does not help candidates, or their prospective constituents, to merely point out their opponent's faults, real

or fabricated. As a voter, it is discouraging to see the people we will soon be relying on acting so childishly.

Now, more than ever, we need our elected officials to know what needs to be done, and how they can help make it happen. Sadly, the candidates in one of Kentucky's most important elections have reverted solely to attack ads and name-calling.

In a televised debate on Fox both of our senatorial candidates strayed from the topics they were being asked about to arbitrarily insult and attack each other. Rand Paul railed that methamphetamine and prescription drug

abuse has increased on his Jack Conway's watch as Kentucky Attorney General.

Jack Conway's rebuttal was to accuse Paul of wanting to raise the individual Medicare deduction to \$2,000. A few months ago Conway endorsed a television advertisement that focused on this same point. The ad featured audio of Paul himself talking about a \$2,000 deductible, which was taken out of context from an earlier speech.

One of these two men will undoubtedly be representing us in the United States Senate in a few months, yet here they are making fools of themselves on national television.

Both of these men also are very outspokenly, making a point to distance themselves from President Barack Obama. When Conway was "accused" of favoring Obama's policies over the last two years he quickly denied blanket approval and began splitting issues apart to pick out pieces he did not agree with. Paul simply tries to place blame on any issue he is confronted with on the President.

These men have reverted to a childish, playground "did not, did so" style of debate when what the state needs and wants is adult answers.

Lock the parents up!



CLAYTON
AKERS
—
SPORTS
Editor

"It's my party and I'll cry if I want to, cry if I want to. You would cry too if it happened to you."

This lyric from the song, "It's My Party" by Lesley Gore, ran through my mind as I was reading a story on CNN.com about a 75-person brawl at a 3-year-old girl's birthday party in Cincinnati, Ohio.

According to published news reports, 150 people attended a party for the

young girl held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall in Elmwood Place. A brawl broke out when the birthday girl's father and her mother's boyfriend got into fight. A domino effect ensued and soon the entire crowd was involved in a brawl. People began throwing beer bottles and chairs and it became a bloody mess.

"When officers arrived there, it was a pretty intense fight going on inside," Elmwood Place Police Chief William Peskin said. "They actually had to wait until they got backup there (20 officers in all) in order to make entry because there were

so many people throwing bottles and chairs."

At the end of the brawl, 15 people were injured and five were hospitalized. About 30 children attended the party and reportedly none were injured. The girl's father, Ramon Marcela-Hernandez, was the only person charged with disorderly conduct and four other people could face charges.

First of all, I can't understand why beer was being served at a little girl's birthday party. Beer shouldn't be anywhere near any child's party. A 3-year-old girl's party should consist of clowns, pin the tail on the donkey, and eating

cake and ice cream. Not, being terrified for your life because fighting, screaming, and flying beer bottles.

This day should have been about the birthday girl, not the parents, who acted despicably. The girl's parents and the other adults acted stupidly and put the lives of innocent children in danger.

Luckily, no child was harmed, but the parents and other adults deserve some type of punishment because a child could have died. Children's Services reportedly is conducting an investigation. Hopefully, the actions of these so-called adults will not be ignored.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Should faculty still post midterm grades?



Rebecca
Johnson
Sophomore
Pre-Radiology
West Liberty,
Ky.

"They should because it gives you an idea of what you need to do the rest of the semester to accomplish the grade you need in the class."



Tim Brett
Sophomore
Geography
Cascade, Mont.

"I think it's a good idea because it gives you something to refer to with how you're doing in the class."



Amber
Majilang
Freshman
Radiology
Salyersville, Ky.

"I think they should, because if you're doing bad in a class you know you need to pick it up and try harder to make better grades."



Justin Imel
Junior
Chemistry
Greenup, Ky.

"Yes. That way a student knows what grade they are receiving in the class halfway through."

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Teacher passionate about filming

LANA BELLAMY —
STAFF WRITER

Steven Middleton is a man of many talents. He is a musician, a teacher, an author, and a documentarian.

The 27-year-old Olive Hill native teaches media classes in MSU's Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies.

Middleton says he grew up watching very little television, listening to his parents' music, and watching old documentaries.

"When I was a kid, we didn't have as many options," Middleton says. "We used to watch just cable with only about 45 channels, whereas now you have a few hundred. There were less distractions at that time, too."

Middleton puts his knowledge of electronic media production to use producing film documentaries, which he describes as his passion.

He has produced numerous award-winning films and is currently working on two new documentaries. One, "Zen Furnace," is about a Buddhist monastery in Powell County.

He also is working on a documentary about Eastern Kentucky funeral homes and the unique services they provide.

His documentary, "Fire in the Mountains" about Eastern Kentuckians who make their living on the small-town wrestling circuit, won the award for Best Short Film at the Appalachian Film Festival in Huntington, W. Va., and has been aired on Kentucky Educational Television.

Middleton says he will continue to submit films to venues that include the Vancouver Film Festival, Cincinnati-Oxford Film Festival, various Appalachian film festivals, and to KET.

If he were not a teacher, Middleton says he would want to make a living creating documentaries and plans to continue making films after he retires from teaching.

Much of Middleton's creative work focuses on the mountain region and its culture.

His book, "Maintaining the Mountains," deals with traditional music in Appalachia.

"Almost every family had musicians in the days before radio and television and now, in the modern age, you very rarely have that," Middleton says.

He says media stereotypes of Appalachia have led many people away from wanting to play traditional music.

A talented musician in his own right, Middleton enjoys playing Appalachian based traditional music on the harmonica, guitar, and banjo and has played in several bands. He and fellow MSU media instructor Tim Creekmore once played together in a jug band that included kazoo, harmonicas, and a guitar and a banjo.

Appalachia is the basis for many of Middleton's projects. He says his interest in the area began when he started looking into Appalachian history.

The Apple Shop Festival in Whitesburg, Ky., inspired him to look at Appalachia in a positive light,

he says.

Middleton also enjoys traveling. This summer he traveled to Northwestern U.S., Canada and Alaska. His travels through Canada have influenced his interest in hockey. Action photos of hockey players line the back wall of his office, behind several mugs he drinks green tea from everyday.

While traveling this summer, he had the chance to meet cast members from the old television show, "Northern Exposure," that depicted a small town in Alaska and its residents.

The show was filmed in Roslyn, Wash.

Middleton says he arrived during Moose Fest and visited a bar called The Brick, which was a main gathering place for town locals in many of the show's episodes.

While at the bar, Middleton says he heard that Dan Burrows, a Native American who played the character Ed on "Northern Exposure," was in town.

He says he approached Burrows by simply running up to him and telling him how he was a big fan of the show.

Middleton says Native Americans used to mine coal in Roslyn and since he was from Eastern Kentucky, Burrows asked him a lot of questions about mining in Appalachia.

When Middleton was in the second grade, he moved to the small desert town of Wickenburg, Ariz., where gold is mined. Middleton says the residents there have a different attitude toward mining "gold than people have about mining coal here in Appalachia."

"People on the West Coast don't really worry about things like coal," Middleton says. "Coal is a big issue, here in Kentucky. Either you're for coal or against it."

When it comes to mountain-top removal, Middleton is definitely in the op-

positional ranks. Middleton says teaching and being exposed daily to various types of media have helped form both positive and negative views on modern media.

He worries about the impact of social media. "With this generation, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace have caused people to stop talking to each other face to face," Middleton

says.

Middleton says he thinks this has caused regression of communication instead of a progression.

"We're in this generation of social networking where when people are upset, they go write about it," Middleton says.



Submitted Photo

Steve Middleton, left, traveled to Roslyn, Wash., this summer where he got to meet stars from a favorite TV show, "Northern Exposure" which aired on CBS from 1990-1995. The show was set in Alaska but filmed in Roslyn. Here, he poses with Native American Bill White, an actor from the show.

position ranks.

Middleton says, "It comes down to a number of things. They think, 'Oh, it's really safe because nobody's getting hurt,' which is true—they (the miners) are not underground. But once you destroy a mountain, it's never going to replenish."

Middleton says it is hard to voice opinions against coal and mountain top re-

moval these days because of the money-hungry coal industry in Eastern Kentucky.

He worries about the impact of social media. "With this generation, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace have caused people to stop talking to each other face to face," Middleton

"They won't tell people face to face. I think that if people would just think and see the world outside those blinders, it would be amazing."

Middleton says, "We live in this gorgeous area, but we just sit at home and text and stay on the Internet all day instead of being out in it."



Thursday, October 7

The Morehead State University Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will be performing a salute to Oktoberfest at Buffalo Wild Wings at 8 p.m. Traditional German food will be served as customers enjoy the lederhosen outfitted band. Admission is \$5, but people under 21 will be free. ID's will be checked for any alcohol sale. Admission is \$3 for students 21 and over.

October 12

The Pink Ladies host a womanless beauty pageant at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. The pageant is in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and will showcase men competing as women in traditional beauty pageant settings. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. The proceeds go to the Susan G. Coleman Foundation.

Matthew Mitchell, women's basketball coach at the University of Kentucky, and former MSU women's basketball coach, talks on "Athletics, Faith and Character" at 7 p.m. at Jesus our Savior Catholic Church. Mitchell's presentation begins this season's lineup for the Annual Speaker's Series sponsored by the church. A question and discussion period will follow the talk. For more information call 606-784-4392.

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Adams shines on senior night

CLAYTON AKERS — SPORTS EDITOR

It was a fitting senior night.

MSU senior Erin Adams continued her fantastic play against Tennessee Tech as she scored her 10th goal of the season in a 2-0 shutout of the Golden Eagles Friday night at Jayne Stadium.

The Eagles (6-6, 3-0) have won three straight matches and have yet to lose a match in conference play in two years under MSU Head Coach Warren Lipka, recording an 8-0-3 two-year record.

The win allowed the Eagles to enact a little revenge on the Golden Eagles for knocking them out of the OVC tournament last season.

"We really wanted some revenge tonight," MSU senior goalkeeper Lily Meisner said. "They knocked us out on our own field and we knew we deserved to be in that final match and not them."

Adams echoed Meisner's sentiments.

"We wanted to show them we're going to win the OVC this year," Adams said. "They got us last year, but that's not going to happen again."

The Golden Eagles had no answer for the MSU defensive attack that only allowed three shots overall and one shot on goal.

Offensively, the Eagles were in command and controlled the field position battle the entire night. MSU kept TTU goalkeeper Megan Polk, who had nine saves on the night, busy firing 21 overall shots

with 11 on goal. The Eagles also held the advantage in corner kicks 7-1.

Morehead State got on the board late in the first half when junior Devan Jordan was able to outrun her defender down the right side into the box and fired a shot to the left corner past Polk to take a 1-0 lead into intermission. The goal was Jordan's first of the season.

"It was great Devan Jordan got her first goal of the year," Lipka said.

The second half was much of the same with the Eagles controlling the tempo. Tennessee Tech had an opportunity to even the score early in the second half, but Meisner came up with an incredible diving save, which was her only save of the match.

Adams finished off the Golden Eagles in the 82nd minute when she headed in a ball off a corner kick from Sarah Phillip.

"We've been working on corners every Thursday and Sarah played a really good ball and I got my head on it," Adams said.

That score gave Adams 24 career goals, just six shy of the MSU record.

Meisner was proud of how her team fought to get the victory.

"We really fought for each other tonight," Meisner said. "Some things weren't as pretty as they could have been, but a win is really what matters and we set our self in good position in the OVC."

Adams said senior night was emotional.

"We were all really excited," Adams said. "There are eight of us and we've



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Devan Jordan (left) and Erin Adams scored a goal a piece in the 2-0 win over TTU.

been through a lot together in the last four years."

Lipka said what this senior class has done sets the tone for the future for the program.

"The seniors have been through a lot. They've been through a different coach. They've won two OVC championships

with one regular season title and one OVC tournament," Lipka said. "They really establish MSU soccer and we're grateful for that and we get to continue that path."

The Eagles will try to continue their winning streak on the road this weekend with matches against Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Softball comes up short at UK

ZAC VESTRING — STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State Women's softball team competed against the University of Kentucky on Sunday, but came up short against UK losing both games 9-5 and 8-0.

The Eagles put up 12

hits in game one with a plethora of players contributing. MSU pitched Ashley Boyd and Ashley Imperial in game one but ended up walking a combined 13 Wildcat hitters in the loss.

In the second game, the Wildcats only allowed the Eagles just three hits total. Elizabeth Wagner was

a lone bright spot in the game, going 2-for-3 at the plate. MSU pitched Imperial, Boyle and Jami Whitcomb in the loss.

The Eagles will end their Fall Schedule this week when they play at Louisville on Friday Night and then two games at Marshall University on Sunday.



Drew Dickerson / MSU Athletics

Zach Lewis calls a signals before the snap against Georgia State.

Football falls to GSU

JAMESON BENNETT — STAFF WRITER

There was nothing peachy in MSU's first matchup in the Georgia Dome.

The football Eagles (2-3) suffered a disheartening 37-10 defeat to Georgia State in their first ever game against non-conference Georgia State on Saturday.

The Eagles put themselves in a deep hole early letting GSU (3-2) score twice in the first quarter as Panther quarterback Drew Little connected on a 6 yard touchdown pass to Jordan Giles and running back Paris Lee maneuvered into the end-zone on a 4-yard carry to put the Panthers up 14-0.

On offense the Eagles came out of the gate stagnant on offense, going three and out on the first three drives. Georgia State's athleticism on defense was on full display as the Panthers only gave up a field goal to the Eagles in the first half.

MSU quarterback Zach Lewis felt the pressure in the pocket the entire game.

Lewis was sacked twice, and Morehead totaled three fumbles, with one recovery.

The Panthers first half dominance of the MSU defense continued as Little threw two more touchdown passes and GSU added a field goal, bringing the score to 30-3 Panthers at the break.

Even though MSU held Georgia State to 7 points for the rest of the game, the second half was still a struggle offensively for the Eagles. The Eagles got their only touchdown of the night at the 11:20 mark in the fourth quarter, when Lewis threw a 23-yard pass to Jaison Yoshimura.

Lewis ended up completing 27 of 44 passes for one touchdown while Desmond Cox finished with 38 yards on 12 carries and Ronnie McDermott made nine grabs for 79 yards.

MSU enjoys a bye this week and returns home Oct. 16 for the Athletics Hall of Fame game against Davidson. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. in Jayne Stadium.



Proud to wear pink

CLAYTON AKERS — SPORTS EDITOR

October is National Breast Cancer Month, which originated to raise awareness about a disease that affects thousands of women. This month events are held to raise money for breast cancer research.

A pink ribbon is the symbol of breast cancer awareness and many people across the country wear pink to show support for breast cancer research. Many sports teams, both collegiate and professional, are showing their support by wearing pink headbands, pink shoelaces and using pink towels, etc.

Morehead State Athletics does the same to show support. So far this month the Morehead State women's golf and volleyball teams have hosted the "Rally for a Cure" golf tournament and "Dig for a Cure" volleyball event.

Tuesday nights "Dig for a Cure" event brought many fans decked out in pink clothing. "Dig for a Cure" is an event hosted once a year by the volleyball team with all donations collected going to the American Cancer Society for research.

MSU volleyball head coach Jaime Gordon said it is always a special opportunity to host this event.

"Everybody on the staff and all of our players know somebody who has gone through breast cancer," Gordon said. "Anytime we can show them respect and appreciation for the fight that they go through, is a special evening for us. It was a great crowd and the support we got them was special."

We all know someone affected by this disease, so we can do our part by donating to help support breast cancer research and show our support by wearing pink this month.

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Eagles remain perfect in OVC



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Tuesday night MSU volleyball hosted its annual "Dig for a Cure" event and wore pink during the match to support breast cancer research.

CLAYTON AKERS —
SPORTS EDITOR

The MSU volleyball team (12-6, 6-0) remains undefeated in the OVC with a dominating 3-0 sweep of Tennessee State Tuesday night at Wetherby.

The Eagles came out and put a strangle hold on the Tigers and prevented them from doing anything offensively. Through the first two sets the Eagles held the tigers to a .000 hitting percentage while MSU hit well over .400 and took the sets in convincing fashion 25-10 and 25-12.

In the third set Tennessee State was more competitive, but the Eagles proved to be too much as they took the set 25-17 to finish off the Tigers.

"I was pleased with how we played," Gordon said. "We served well, we passed well, and we were able to stay in rhythm and we didn't allow Tennessee State to mount much offensively. A lot of that was based on the pressure we put on them with the first contact. I couldn't be more pleased with how we played tonight."

The Eagles were led by Kaitlin Craven, who almost tallied a double-double with a match-high 15 kills on a career best .560 hitting percentage, along with eight digs.

"Kaitlin (Craven) played fantastic. Offensively I couldn't ask for more," Gordon said. "She had some big swings, both in

system and out of system. Defensively she got into a small rut, but picked it up really fast in the second set and gave us eight digs as well as 15 kills and that's a big time performance by her."

Craven credited her teammates for her performance.

"It comes off good passing, which gives me options, and Kirstie gives me good sets, which I need to put down and keep going," Craven said.

Along with Craven, OVC hitting percentage leader Holly Evans recorded seven kills on a .636 hitting percentage and Ellie Robertson produced seven kills. As a team MSU had 45 total kills. Senior setter Kirstie Brangers dished-out a match-high 34

assists.

Defensively the Eagles had four players who tallied eight or more digs and Aryn Bohannon recorded four of the team's eight service aces.

Tuesday was "Dig for a Cure" night and donations were collected for the American Cancer Society. During the match MSU Head Coach Jaime Gordon and some of the players and fans wore pink to support breast cancer research.

"We all know someone who has breast cancer, so this event is very important to all of us and it's fun to decorate the gym and make awareness of breast cancer," Craven said.

Last Thursday the Eagles swept rival Eastern Kentucky 3-0.

at Wetherby Gym. With the win Morehead State has won nine straight matches over the Colonels.

The Eagles will remain at home and try to continue their hot streak this weekend as they take on Murray State Friday at 7 p.m. and UT Martin at 2 p.m.

Brangers credits the 6-0 start in the OVC to everyone working together as a cohesive unit.

"There is definitely a fire this year. Everyone is buying into the team and being selfless and that's helping us take that next step," Brangers said. "We all have confidence in each other and in ourselves and it's starting to show out there."



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